

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
August 8, 2005 7:00 PM**

PRESENT: James Workman, Chairman, Cliff Pratt, Vice Chairman
Rick Griffin, Ben Moore, Virginia Bridle-Russell
Karen Anderson, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing in regard to amending the parking ordinance Article 5 PARKING REGULATIONS, Section.3:506(b) Triangular Parking Lot at Seabrook Beach. It shall be unlawful to park in the above named parking lot between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM to add: "by permit (resident) parking only.

Mrs. Patricia McCarty urged the Board to make this change to the ordinance; she noted that this would open the entire beach to residents of the town.

Mrs. Mary-Rae Preston, 28 Thornton Street, said that she has lived in the area for 8 years and told the Board that the non-residents that use the parking lot leave trash and other debris that residents would not. She asked that the Board support this change.

Mr. Art Thompson, said that the neighbors agree that this parking lot should be closed 10:00 PM and should be for residents only. He asked that the Police Department continue to monitor the area closely as many people will not heed the signs.

Mr. Bill O'Donnell, representing the Sun Valley Associates stated that all of Seabrook Beach, except for this area, is resident parking only and the residents would like to make this parking area for residents only, in order to cater to the residents of Hampton. He noted that eight out of ten cars in the lot today had Massachusetts plates.

Ms. Kathy Currier agreed with the other speakers and urged the Board to pass this.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 PM.

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to amend Article 5, Section.3:506 (b) Triangular Parking Lot at Seabrook Beach by adding: "by permit (resident) parking only.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Mr. Griffin told the Board that he has heard from several people in that area and there has been a problem this year drinking on the beach and the police have been very responsive to the residents.

2. The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing in regard to the acceptance of a FEMA reimbursement in the amount of \$36,659.30 for January, 2005 storm related expenses.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen accept the FEMA reimbursement in the amount of \$36,659.30 for January, 2005 storm related expenses.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

I. SALUTE TO THE FLAG – Mr. Brian Warburton led the audience in the flag salute.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Griffin announced upcoming the upcoming concerts at the Gazebo and Recreation Department trips.

III. APPOINTMENTS

1. Hampton Chamber of Commerce, Re: Seafood Festival

Mr. Doc Noel and Ms. Jude Dionne were present and outlined the highlights of this year's Seafood Festival to be held on September 9 – 11, 2005.

Ms. Dionne noted that the costs for the Seafood Festival continue to increase, with last year's event costing \$310,000. Volunteers are still needed to assist with the Festival and were urged to call the Chamber to volunteer.

The Chamber requested permission from the Board of Selectmen to utilize eight entrance collection points on the west side of Ocean Boulevard as was done last year. Ms. Dionne noted that the entrance fee to the Festival will remain the same as it was last year.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen approve the collection points for the Seafood Festival as requested.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Infrastructure Project

Mrs. Bridle-Russell asked if the Board was aware of work continuing on the sidewalks on Ashworth Avenue as a result of the delay on the Kings Highway part of the project. She said she read an article in the *Hampton Union* indicating that was happening. Mr. Hangen was present and explained that the only work that is continuing on the sidewalks on Ashworth Avenue is the installation of the signs and the spraying of a preservative material on the concrete.

Mr. Moore asked Mr. Hangen to explain the delay on Kings Highway. Mr. Hangen said that work has stopped at this time. He explained that there were new pipes that were sagging, which was believed to have been caused by soil conditions and some settlement on some manholes that caused some concerns and the cause has not been determined. The engineer and contractor reviewed the data and determined that it would be wise to do some additional borings in the area of the sinking. The engineer has a sub-contractor for the hydro-geological work and early indications are that they have not found any conditions that are different than what was already indicated. Mr. Hangen said that there is a meeting scheduled to review the data and determine what action will be taken. Mr. Moore asked if the contractor will be prepared to go back to the main beach in September as a result of this delay. Mr. Hangen said that he did not anticipate a delay because there are two separate crews involved. Mr. Griffin asked if this problem will cost the town money. Mr. Hangen said that there is not a cost impact at this time, but there is that potential. Mr. Hangen explained that the project owner conducts borings to give the bidders information early on, but it is not uncommon for a contractor to put in claims based on differing soil conditions. Mr. Griffin asked who will determine if it is the contractor's fault. Mr. Hangen said that if the soils are not different than what the bidding documents show, it is highly likely that it is the contractor's problem with quality control. Mr. Hangen said that there continues to be a cooperative attitude between Zoppo, FST and the Town and all efforts are being made to get the project back on track.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Highway Safety Requests

Mr. Workman read the two letters from Judith Park, chairman of the Highway Safety Committee requesting a reduction of the speed limit on Windmill Land and the installation of speed limit signs on Moulton Road.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen schedule a public hearing on August 29 to take comments on the reduction of the speed limit on Windmill Lane as proposed by the Highway Safety Committee.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED that Public Works be directed to add speed limit signs as appropriate to Moulton Road.

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Mr. Pratt asked what is being done on Park Avenue as part of the school construction. Mr. Hangen said that the school department is going to construct a deceleration and acceleration lane at Park Avenue for safety. Mr. Pratt said that he is concerned with the busses having to swing out onto Winnacunnet Road. Mrs. Bridle-Russell asked who approved the connection onto Winnacunnet Road. Mr. Hangen said that he worked on this with the Town Manager. Mr. Moore said that it is very difficult to make the turn from Park Avenue onto Winnacunnet Road. Mr. Hangen said that he has met with the engineers on this a few times and a traffic study was submitted to him. Mr. Pratt said that he will keep an eye on it and report if it appears that it creates a dangerous situation.

2. Lion's Club Yard Sale Request/Uptown Merchants Sidewalk Sales

The Board reviewed the request from the uptown merchants for the annual sidewalk sales for August 19-21, 2005. The Lions Club has requested permission to hold a yard sale at the gazebo and the old town office parking lot in conjunction with the sidewalk sales on August 19th.

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen approve the sidewalk sales and yard sale request for August 19-21, 2005.

Mr. Griffin SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Mr. Moore requested that Chief Wrenn arrange for a police officer to assist at the crosswalk during the sidewalk sales.

Coalition Communities

Mr. Moore noted that the Board of Selectmen has received a letter requesting an additional donation to the Coalition Communities. He asked if the Board of Selectmen is going to consider any additional donations. Mr. Workman said that the Board has generally taken the request under advisement. Mrs. Bridle -Russell said that with a default budget she did not think that the Board could consider it at this time.

Metropolitan Planning Organization

Mr. Workman told the Board that he has received a letter from the Rockingham Planning Commission requesting that the Board appoint a representative to the MPO. The representative from Hampton for the past 10 years has been Warren Bambury. Mr. Workman noted that of all the members of this committee, Warren is one of only 4 with perfect attendance. Mr. Workman told the Board that Warren has recommended that Town Planner, Jamie Steffen be appointed to represent Hampton and he would be willing to be an alternate.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell said that with all the work the Planner has in Hampton to catch-up, it may not be appropriate to require him to attend another meeting. Mr. Workman suggested that the Board delay action on this for one week and that he talk with Mr. Barrington about Mr. Steffen's involvement first.

VI. MINUTES

The minutes of July 11 & 25, 2005 were reviewed.

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED that the minutes of July 11 and July 25, 2005 be approved as presented.

Mr. Workman SECONDED

VOTE: 4 FOR

1 ABSTAIN (Moore)

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Hawkers & Peddlers Permit – Ice Cream Vendors
2. Seafood Festival – Sidewalk Sale Permits
3. Cemetery Deeds
4. Pool Table Permit

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED that the consent agenda be approved.

Mr. Griffin SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bill Hartley, 48 Drakes Landing told the Board that he was under the impression that the Trustees of the Trust Funds were going to meet with the Board at this meeting. Mr. Workman said that will be scheduled at a later date. Mr. Hartley told the Board that he is a certified financial planner and attorney that does a lot of trust work. He said that the problem with the Hampton trust funds is the law that it operates under does not allow them to invest in a manner that considers inflation. If the Board of Selectmen can help the Trustees get the law changed it would benefit everyone in the end.

Mrs. Mimi Fallon, Sun Valley wanted the Board of Selectmen to be aware of the problem they are having this year with the young people drinking out by the jetty, breaking bottles and leaving large amounts of trash on the beach. She noted that the police have been great, but the problem is that the kids getting caught are from the neighborhood and the parents are allowing them to do this. The situation is getting intolerable and most of the problem is from local youth. Mrs. Fallon said that they are also dealing with several people driving down the street looking for the public entrance to the beach, and the sign that used to indicate where the public access was is missing. She said that they also need additional no parking signs in the area. Mrs. Bridle asked what the police are doing about the parents that are allowing their children to drink.

Mr. Arthur Moody expressed concerns with the spur off Park Avenue onto Winnacunnet Road being closed off. He stated that is a Class V road and can only be abandoned as a right-of-way through a Town Meeting vote.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED that the meeting be adjourned. (9:00 PM)

Mr. Griffin SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Chairman